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MINUTES

OF THE

FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Lower Creek Baptist Association,

CONVENED WITH

LOWER CREEK MEETING-HOUSE

CALDWELL COUNTY, N. C.

October the 20th and 21st, 1854.

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MINUTES.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20th.

1st. The introductory sermon was delivered according to appointment, by Elder EDMUND TILLEY, from Judges 7th chapter, 21st verse: "And they stood, every man in his place, round about the camp; and all the host ran, and cried, and fled."

2nd. Received and read letters from thirteen churches, and minuted the accounts transmitted.

3rd. Organized the Association by appointing Elder HOUSTON HOLSCLAW, *Moderator*, and PICKENS CARLTON, *Clerk*.

4th. Invited transient preachers to sit with us: when Elders Thos. Craig, J. G. Bryan, Wm. Pool and Stephen Medlock, accepted the invitation.

5th. Opened a door for the reception of churches: when Senter church presented a letter, and was rejected. Also Philadelphia church presented a letter, and was received.

6th. Appointed Elders Wm. D. Holder, Edmund Tilley and br. Wm. Cottrel, sr., with the Moderator and Clerk, a Committee of Arrangement, to whom all papers are referred.

7th. Opened a door for correspondence with the Three Fork and the Lewis Fork Associations; and appointed Elder C. Livingston to write to the Lewis Fork Association, and br. David Downs to write to the Three Fork.

8th. Appointed brethren David Downs, Livingston Carlton and Colbert Blair, a Committee of Finance.

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9th. Appointed the delegates of the Lower Creek church to appoint preachers to preach on to-morrow, who appointed the following brethren: Wm. Pool 1st; C. Livingston 2nd; and J. G. Bryan to close.

10th. Adjourned until to-morrow, 9 o'clock, A. M. Prayer by Elder J. G. Bryan.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21st.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by the Moderator.

1st. Called on the Committee of Arrangement, who reported and was discharged.

2nd. Read rules of decorum.

3rd. Appointed a committee of three brethren, to wit: Elder E. Tilley, brethren James Sudderth and David Downs, to draw a form of an Association Letter for all churches of this Association to draw their letters by, and to offer resolutions.

4th. Called on the Treasurer, who reported satisfactorily.

5th. Called on the former Clerk of the Lewis Fork Association, to report to this body, who reported as follows: when called on by the Lewis Fork Association to make his report, says,—that he has paid out for the Minutes of 1853, eighty-one cents of his own money, for cost and carriage, which was one-half refunded back to the brother by the Lewis Fork Association, and the other half by the Lower Creek Association.

6th. Called on Committee of Finance, who made the following report: Received in contributions from the churches, $13-36¼ cts.; which was placed in the hands of the Clerk for the purpose of defraying the expense of printing minutes, and other purposes, and the committee discharged.

7th. Appointed corresponding messengers: To the Three Fork, Elders C. Livingston and E. Tilley: to the Lewis Fork, Elders H. Holsclaw, Wm. D. Holder and Thos. Craig.

8th. Appointed Union Meetings: 1st, at Liberty church, to commence on Friday before the 3rd Saturday in August, 1855; Elders Houston Holsclaw, Wm. D. Holder, Thos. Craig and Cornelius Livingston, with their pastor, to attend. 2nd, at Antioch, to commence on Friday before the 4th Saturday in August, 1855; Elders Thos. Craig, C. Livingston and E. Tilley, with their pastor, to attend.

9th. Appointments to preach on Lord's-Day; and appointed the delegates of the Lower Creek Church to appoint, who report: Elders Stephen Medlock 1st; J G. Bryan 2nd; and C. Livingston to close the service.

10th. Appointed a committee to district the Association, consisting of Elder E. Tilley and br. Roderick Freeman, who report that the Association be laid off in two districts; the first district is composed of the following churches, viz: Hollow Spring, King's Creek, German Hill, Buffalo Cove, Elk, Bethany. 2nd, Lower Creek, Antioch, Union, Dover, Sardis, Philadelphia, Yadkin.

11th. Appointed the Clerk to superintend the printing of these Minutes, and that he have four hundred copies struck, and distribute them as usual.

12th. Appointed our next Association to be held with the German Hill church, two miles east of Fort Defiance, Caldwell County, N. C., to commence on Friday before the fourth Lord's-Day in October, 1855.

13th. Appointed Elder H. Holsclaw to preach the introductory sermon next year; and Elder T. Craig his alternate.

14th. Received from the Lower Creek Church 25 cts. for the purpose of purchasing a blank book to keep the records of this Association in.

15th. *Resolved*, That we recommend the Carolina Baptist, the Tennessee Baptist, the Recorder, and the Intelligencer papers.

16th. Also we recommend the Baptist school at Taylorsville. We also recommend to our churches Temperance and Sunday-schools.

17th. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to the citizens of this vicinity, for the kind manner with which they have treated them during this session.

18th. Blank form of a church letter to the Association:

State of N. C., ——— County.

The Baptist church of Christ at ———, hath delegated A. B. to meet you with this and aid in council. The state of our church is as follows: Received by Experience and Baptism——. Received by letter——; Dismissed by letter——; Restored ——; Excluded——; Deceased——; Total——; Our pastor ——; Nearest Post Office———.And for further information, we refer you to our delegates. This done, by order of the church, and signed by A. B. Clerk.

SATURDAY.

The stand was occupied by those appointed. Elder Wm. Pool preached first from Revelations the 22d chapter, and 14th verse: "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city." Second, C. Livingston followed from Isaiah the 40th chapter and 31st verse: "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall

walk and not faint." Third, J. G. Bryan closed from the 126th Psalm, and 3rd vs: "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

LORD'S DAY.

The stand was occupied by those appointed, who preached to a large and orderly congregation. Elder Stephen Medlock opened the service from Romans the 10th chapter, 2d and 3d verses: "For I bear them record, that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge, for they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves to the righteousness of God." J. G. Bryan followed from 1st Corinthians, 3d chapter, 21st, 22d, and 23d verses: "Therefore let no man glory in men; for all things are yours, whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life or death, or things present, or things to come—all are yours; and ye are Christ's, and Christ is God's." C. Livingston closed the service from Revelations the 22d chapter, and 17th verse: "And the Spirit and the Bride say come; and let him that heareth say come; and let him that is athirst come; and whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

From the appearance of the congregation, we hope the word preached will have a good effect in days to come.

HOUSTON HOLSCLAW, *Moderator.*
PICKENS CARLTON, *Clerk.*

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	PO. OFFICES	PASTORS.	Meetings, Sa	DELEGATES' NAMES.	Baptism.	Rec. by Lett.	Restored	Dis. by Lett.	Excluded	Deceased	Total.	Contribut'n
Lower Creek,	Caldwell,	Lenoir,	J. Reid,		Isaac Sheril, J. Suderth, Isaac Smith,	2			1		1	52	1.50
Hollow Spring,	Wilkes,	KingsCreek	C. Livingston,	1	C. Livingston*, L. Carlton, P Carlton,		4		2	2	1	46	1.00
Yadkin,	Caldwell,	Ft. Defiance	E. Tilley,	3	William Coffy, Wellborn Coffy,				7			21	75
Buffalo Cove,	Caldwell,	Ft. Defiance	B. Bradley,	2	W. Cottrel, Jr., W. Cottrel Sr., J. Cottrel,	5	2		2		1	50	78
Union,	Caldwell,	Deal's Mills	H. Holsclaw,	1	H. West, Daniel Presnel, D. Downs,	1			3	1		74	1.60
Dover,	Alexander,	Little River	H. Holsclaw,	2	H. Holsclaw* J. Isenhour, W. Medlock,	3	1	2	1	3	2	79	1.27
Elk,	Wilkes,	Elkville,		4	Harry Dula,				3		1	21	60
Bethany,	Caldwell,	Lenoir,	J. Harrison,	1	J. F. McCall, John Curtis,	2	3	1				52	50
Antioch,	Caldwell,	Little River	H. Holsclaw,	4	E. Teague, Merrit Austin,			1	11	2	2	144	1.50
Sardis,	Caldwell,	Lenoir,	J. Crouch,	4	R. Freeman, J. Smith, M. Cloer,	6				1		51	87
German Hill,	Caldwell,	Elkville,	Wm. Holder,	1	W. D. Holder,* T. Pennel, C. Blair,		2					33	75
King's Creek,	Caldwell,	KingsCreek	E. Tilley,	4	G. Russel, W. R. Barlow, A. Ferguson,			1	4	6	2	86	1.00
Liberty,	Caldwell,	KingsCreek	E. Tilley,	3	E. Tilley* T. McCiary, J. Swanson,		2		2	1		25	72
Philadelphia,	Caldwell,	Lenoir,	T. Craig, J. G. Bryan,		T. Craig,* E. Craig, J. Craig,	17	1	1	2		1	34	50
					Total,	36	15	6	37	16	11	718	13.30

Those marked thus (*) are ordained preachers.

MINUTES

OF THE

SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Lower Creek Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

THE BAPTIST CHURCH AT GERMAN HILL,
CALDWELL COUNTY, N. C.,

October 26th and 27th, A. D., 1855.

SALEM, N. C.
L. V. BLUM, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER.
1855.

MINUTES.

1st. The introductory sermon was delivered according to appointment, by Elder HOUSTON HOLSCLAW, from Acts of the Apostles, 20th chapter, and 28th verse.

2nd. Received and read letters from thirteen churches, and minuted the accounts transmitted.

3rd. The Association then organized by appointing Elder HOUSTON HOLSCLAW, *Moderator*, and THOMAS ISBELL, *Clerk*.

4th. Received Correspondents:—From the Lewis Fork, a letter by the hand of her messenger, J. G. Bryan, but no minutes. From the Three Fork, a letter and parcel of minutes by her messenger, Elder John Cook.

5th. Invited transient preachers to seats with us, when Elder Joel H, Brown accepted the invitation and aided us in council.

6th. Opened a door for the reception of churches into our union, when letters were presented from the following churches, viz: Ebenezer, Union, Silver Creek and Globe, (which churches formerly belonged to the Green River and Catawba River Baptist Associations,) and their reception was referred to a committee of five, that is, Elder E. Tilley, and brethren B. Martin, T. Pennil, Wm. Sherril and W. L. Payne.

7th. Appointed a Committee of Arrangement, viz: Elders T. Craig, E. Tilley, and brethren J. Cottrel, W. Coffy and V. Teague, with the Moderator and Clerk; and invited corresponding messengers to sit with them, whose duty shall be to arrange the business of this Association.

8th. Appointed the delegates of German Hill church to appoint preachers to preach on to-morrow, who reported Elder T. Craig, J. Cook and J. G. Bryan.

9th. Appointed brethren D. Downs to write to the Lewis Fork Baptist Association, and W. L. Payne to write to the Three Fork Baptist Association.

10th. Adjourned until to-morrow 10 o'clock, A. M.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 27th.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Elder J.G.Bryan.

1st. Called the delegates' names.

2nd. Read Rules of Decorum.

3rd. Called on the Committee of Arrangement, who reported and was discharged.

4th. Appointed brethren P. Carlton, L. Pipes and D. Downs, a Committee of Finance.

5th. Called on the Treasurer, who made the following report:

Received of the Association of last year, - - -	$13 61¼
Paid for printing minutes of last year, and other expenses,	10 37½
Leaving in his hands, - - - - - - - -	3 24¾

Report received and the Treasurer discharged.

6th. Called on corresponding brethren, who reported satisfactorily.

7th. Appointed corresponding messengers: To the Three Fork Baptist Association, Elder H. Holsclaw, and br. Isaac Smith; To the Lewis Fork Baptist Association, Elders E. Tilley, William D. Holder and T. Craig.

8th. Called for corresponding letters, which were read and received.

9th. Called on the Committee of Grievances, who made the following report:

Whereas, Ebenezer, Union, Silver Creek and Globe churches, made application for admission into our union, we, therefore, for want of further information as to the abstract of principles which they were constituted upon, refer it to our next Association.

We therefore recommend this Association to lay their case before our sister Associations, with whom we correspond, and the committee discharged.

10th. Called on the Committee of Finance who made the following report: Received in contributions from the churches, $12 83; received of individuals, 75 cents; of the former Clerk, $3 24¾. When the following allowances were made:—Allowed the former Treasurer $3 24¾ cents, and placed in the hands of the present Treasurer the balance to pay for printing minutes and other contingent expenses, and the committee discharged.

11th. Appointed Elder E. Tilley and brn. J. Cottrel, and W. L. Payne, a Committee on Resolutions.

12th. Considered the letter from aggrieved members of Bethany church, and appointed the following committee: Elders T. Craig, E. Tilley and brn. B. Martin, Wm. Sherril and J. Cottrel, with the Moderator and Clerk, to meet with the church at Bethany, the 1st Saturday in December next, and to examine into the cause of aggrievance, with some of the members of said church, and report to next Association.

13th. Considered the case of aggrieved members of Sardis church, and appointed the following committee: Elder E. Tilley and brn. J. Cottrel and William Sherril, with the Moderator and Clerk, to attend with the church at Sardis, on the fourth Saturday in December next, and examine into the cause of their grievance, and report to next Association.

14th. In answer to a request which came up from our beloved sister, the Three Fork Association, we say, that we are willing to unite with them in fasting and prayer to Almighty God, on Friday before the first Saturday in June, 1856, that he would bestow the favor of his most gracious blessing upon us, and enable us to fall upon some advisable plan whereby a general union may be effected amongst all the brethren of our Baptist denomination.

15th. Considered the request of the Holly Spring church relative to the excommunication of Stephen Medlock, and appointed a Committee, viz: Elders T. Craig, E. Tilley and br. J. Cottrel, with the Moderator and Clerk, to go and visit our sister church, on the first Saturday in January next, and investigate the case, and report to our next Association.

16th. Appointed our next Association to be held with the Baptist Church, at the Yadkin, one mile South-East of Patterson, Caldwell County, N. C., to commence on Friday before the 4th Lord's-Day in October next.

17th. Appointed the Clerk to superintend the printing of the Minutes of the Association, and that he have four hundred copies struck and distribute them as usual.

18th. Appointed Elder T. Craig to preach the introductory sermon next session; and Elder E. Tilley, his alternate

19th. Appointed Elder J. G. Bryan, T. Craig and H. Holsclaw, to preach on Lord's-Day.

20th. Called on the Committee on Resolutions, who made the following report:

1st. *Resolved*, That we recommend the united Baptist Taylorsville School as a good institution; and we also recommend this Association to aid in the completion of said building.

2nd. *Resolved*, That we recommend the Carolina Baptist and the Tennessee Baptist as good papers.

3rd. *Resolved*, That we, the Lower Creek Baptist Association, do agree to advise our churches to abstain from every appearance of evil, particularly that of drinking ardent spirits at all public gatherings; and if any are so stubborn that they refuse this counsel, that they be dealt with as for other transgressions; and we also recommend a strict discipline to be kept up by the churches, as is found in the New Testament.

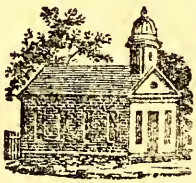
4th. *Resolved*, That the Association return her thanks to the citizens of this vicinity for their kind hospitality during this session.

Which report was unanimously adopted and the committee discharged.

21st. Adjourned to the time and place appointed. Prayer by Elder Houston Holsclaw.

HOUSTON HOLSCLAW, *Moderator.*

THOMAS ISBELL, *Clerk.*



STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	POST OFFICES.	PASTORS.	Meetings Sat.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Rent of Mem	Baptized.	Rec. by letter	Restored	Dis. by letter	Excluded.	Deceased	Total	Contributn's
King's Creek,	Caldwell,	King's Creek,	E. Tilley,	4	J. Furguson, G. Russel, Thos. Isbell,	4			1	4	5	3	70	1 25
German Hill,	do	Fort Defiance,	J. Crouch, W. D. Holder,	1	W. D. Holder,* T. Pennil, C. Blair,					1	7	1	24	75
Philadelphia,	do	Copenhagen,	T. Craig,		T. Craig,* J. Craig, L. H. Craig,			1		2	2	2	30	75
Liberty,	do	King's Creek,	E. Tilley, J. G. Bryan,	3	E. Tilley,* T. McRary, - -						4	1	20	50
Lower Creek,	do	Lenoir,	J. Reid,	2	J. Smith, William L. Sherril, -		1	1				1	54	1 10
Elk,	Wilkes,	Elkville,			H. Dula, T. Kendal, P. Walsh, -								17	50
Hollow Spring,	do	King's Creek,	C. Livingston,	1	N. Land, P. Carlton, - - -			2	1	2	1	1	46	1 00
Yadkin,	Caldwell,	Patterson,	E. Tilley,		B. Martin, J. W. Coffey, W. Coffey,			1		2			20	75
Union,	do	Deal's Mill,	H. Holsclaw,	1	W. L. Payne, E. C. Presnel, D. Down,		1			5	2	1	68	1 50
Dover,	Alexander,	Little River,	E. Tilley, H. Holsclaw,	2	W. Medloch, Houston Holsclaw,*						3	4	72	1 48
Antioch,	do	do	H. Holsclaw·	4	V. Teague, M. Austin, - -		1				1	2	119	1 25
Buffalo Cove,	Caldwell,	Fort Defiance,		2	J. Cottrel, L. Pipes, - - -		4	2		3		1	52	1 00
Sardis,	do	Lenoir,	C. Livingston,		J. Smith, M. Kincannon, - -						1		50	1 00
					Those marked thus * are ordained preachers.	4	7	7	2	19	26	17	642	12 83

MINUTES

OF THE THIRD ANNUAL SESSION OF THE

Lower Creek Baptist Association,

Held with the Yadkin Church,

Caldwell County, N. C., October 24th and 25th, 1856.

FRIDAY, October 24th.

1st. The introductory sermon was delivered according to appointment by Elder E. Tilley, from Matthew 5th ch. and 14th v.

2nd. Appointed brn. David Downs and B. S. Martin reading Clerks.

3rd. Received and read letters from 12 churches, and minuted the accounts transmitted.

4th. The Association then organized by appointing Elder HOUSTON HOLSCLAW, *Moderator*, and THOMAS ISBELL, *Clerk*.

5th. Received corresponding messengers: From the Three Fork Association, a letter and parcel of minutes, by the hands of her messengers, Elders John A. Farthing, John A. Cook, L. Hodges, Joseph Harrison and br. Daniel Coffey. From the Lewis Fork, a letter and parcel of minutes, by the hands of her messenger br. Peter Tritt.—All of said messengers came forward, received the right hand of fellowship, and aided us in council.

6th. Invited transient ministers to seats with us, when James Parsons accepted the invitation and aided us in council.

7th. Opened a door for the reception of churches into our union; none received.

8th. Appointed a Committee of Arrangements, viz: Elders E. Tilley, W. D. Holder and br. G. Russel, Wm. Cottrel, Sen., and Hiram West, with the Moderator and Clerk, and invited corresponding messengers to sit with them, whose duty it shall be to arrange the business of the Association.

9th. On motion, appointed the delegates of this church, together with brn. T. Kendall, Wm. Cottrel, Jun., Wm. S. Pool, and Roderick Freeman, a committee to arrange the preaching of this meeting, and report from day to day; who reported for to-morrow, 1st, Elders John Cook, 2nd, Joseph Harrison, 3rd, L. Hodges.

10th. Prayer by Elder J. Harrison, and adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25th.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Elder H. Holsclaw.

1st. Called the Delegates' names.

2nd. Read Rules of Decorum.

3rd. Called on the Committee of Arrangements, who reported and was discharged.

4th. Appointed brn. D. Downs and Larkin Pipes, a Committee of Finance.

5th. Appointed Elders E. Tilley, Larkin Hodges, and br. Roderick Freeman, G. Russel and J. M. Cottrel, a Committee on Resolutions.

6th. Called on the Treasurer, who made the following report:

Received of the Association last year,	$13 58
Paid out for minutes and other expenses,	8 50
Leaving in his hands,	$ 5 08

Which report was receeived and the Treasurer discharged.

7th. Called on corresponding messengers, who reported satisfactorily.

8th. Appointed corresponding messengers: To the Lewis Fork Association, Elders D. Holder and L. Pipes; to the Three Fork Association, Elders E. Tilley, Houston Holselaw, and br. Isaac Smith; and also the corresponding messengers to each Association to prepare the letters and assign the Moderator's and Clerk's names.

9th. Called on the Committee (who was appointed to visit the aggrieved churches last year,) to report, who did so in a satisfactory manner and was discharged.

10th. *Query* from Sardis Church: "What shall we do with a member of the Methodist church, who has been baptized by immersion, walks orderly, wishes to unite with us, and holds his baptism valid."

Answer.—We think it not expedient, according to gospel order.

11th. Called on the Committee of Finance, who made the following report: Received in contributions from the churches, $14 47½; of the former Clerk, $5 08; when the following allowances were made: Allowed the former Clerk, $3 00 for having our minutes prepared for this year; distributed $5 05½ amongst our corresponding messengers; and placed in the hands of our present Treasurer, $8 50 to pay for printing minutes, and other contingent expenses. Lower Creek having paid in $2 00, one half to be paid for minutes, the other for corresponding messengers.

12th. Appointed our next Association to be held with the Baptist Church at King's Creek, 10 miles North-East of Lenoir, Caldwell county, N. C., to commence on Friday before the 4th Lord's Day in October next.

13th. Appointed Elder L. Pipes to preach the introductory sermon next year; and Elder H. Holsclaw, his alternate.

14th. Then, on motion, appointed the Clerk to superintend the printing of the minutes, and have 300 copies struck and distribute as usual.

15th. *Resolved*, That this Association set apart Friday before the first Saturday in June next, as a day of fasting and prayer to Almighty God for the prosperity of Zion, and for the outpouring of his Holy Spirit in the conversion of sinners to the religion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

16th. The committee appointed Elders J. A. Farthing, J. Harrison and Larkin Hodges, to preach on Lord's-Day; and by Elder J. Harrison failing to preach, Elder H. Holsclaw preached in his stead.

17th. Called on Committee on Resolutions who made the following report.

1st. *Resolved*, That each ordained minister of this Association visit all churches in the bounds of this Association, at least once in the ensuing year, and report to our next Association; and that the churches compensate them for the same.

2nd. *Resolved*, That we, the Lower Creek Baptist Association, do agree to further recommend our last year's resolve to our churches respecting the use of ardent spirits at all public gatherings, and humbly advise them not to construe it as some have done, (indulge in it at home;) but we recommend them to be temperate in all things, remembering the word that tells us, "That by whatsoever a man is overcome by the same is he brought into bondage."

3rd, *Resolved*, That we, the Lower Creek Association, are willing to unite in fellowship with the Taylorsville Association, on Gospel temperance principles, and advise all our sister Associations with whom we correspond, to do the same.

18th. The report was adopted, and the committee discharged.

19th. *Resolved*, That this Association return her thanks to the citizens of this vicinity for their very kind hospitality during this session.

20th. On motion, adjourned to time and place appointed. Prayer by Elder Larkin Hodges.

HOUSTON HOLSCLAW, *Moderator.*

THOMAS ISBELL, *Clerk.*

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	POST-OFFICES.	PASTORS.	Meet's Sat.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Rent off me.	Baptized.	Rec. by Lett.	Restored.	Dis. by Lett.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.		Contribut'n
King's Creek,	Caldwell,	King's Creek,	E. Tilley,	4	G. Russel, R. Barlow, Thomas Isbell,					5		1	65	1.00
German Hill	do	Fort Defiance,	J. Crouch, H. Holsclaw,	1	W. D. Holder,* T. Pennil, M. Pennil,		5	–		1			29	1.50
Liberty,	do	King's Creek,	E. Tilley,	3	E. Tilley,* L. Tilley, T. McRary,						1		19	60
Lower Creek,	do	Lenoir,	G. Swaim, H. Holsclaw,	2	J. Smith, J. Sudderth, W. L. Sherrill,	1		2		1		1	44	2.00
Elk,	Wilkes,	Elkeville,	E. Tilley, L. Pipes,	2	L. Pipes,* T. Kendall, Harvey Dula,		1	4					24	75
Yadkin,	Caldwell,	Patterson,	E. Tilley,		Wm. Coffey, B. S. Martin, C. Blair,			1				1	22	75
Union,	do	Deal's Mill,	G. Swaim,	1	H. West, I. T. Shell, D. Downes,		7				2		73	2.00
Dover,	Alexander,	Little River,	H. Holsclaw, J. Crouch,	2	H. Holsclaw,* D. Medlock,						2		70	1.62½
Antioch,	do	do	G. Swaim,	4	Wm. S. Pool,				4		6		117	1.55
Buffalo Cove,	Caldwell,	Fort Defiance,	H. Holsclaw,	2	W. Cottrel, Sr., W. Cottrel, Jr., J. M. Cottrel,		2	1		6			49	1.00
Bethany,	do	Patterson,	Lark. Pipes,	3	J. Curtis, W. W. Curtis, Samuel Curtis,					5	7		13	50
Sardis,	do	Lenoir,	H. Holsclaw,	3	R. Freeman, J. F. McCall, J. H. Hill,	36	1	3					18	1.20
					Ordained Preachers marked thus *. Total.	37	16	11	4	18	18	3	543	14.47½

MINUTES

OF THE FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE

Lower Creek Baptist Association,

Held with the King's Creek Church, Caldwell Co., N. C., October 23d and 24th, 1857.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23RD.

The introductory sermon was delivered, according to appointment, by Elder LARKIN PIPES, from John 5th ch. 39th verse.

Appointed brn. D. Downs and T. Shell, Reading Clerks.

Received and read letters from 11 churches, and minuted the accounts transmitted.

The Association then organized by appointing Elder H. HOLSCLAW, *Moderator*, and T. ISBELL, *Clerk*.

Received corresponding messengers: From the Three Fork Association, a letter and parcel of minutes, by the hands of her messengers, Elders John A. Farthing and Jesse Farmer. From the Lewis Fork Association, a letter and parcel of minutes, by the hands of her messengers, Elders John G. Bryan and Linvill Land;—all of said messengers came forward, received the right hand of fellowship, and aided us in council.

Opened a door for the reception of churches into our union: None received.

Appointed a Committee of Arrangements, viz: Elder L. Pipes, brn. Merril Austin, J. Suderth, Wm. Cottrel, sen., and Hiram West, with the Moderator and Clerk, and invited all corresponding messengers to sit with them, whose duty it shall be to arrange the business of this Association.

Appointed the delegates of this Church to arrange the preaching of this Association, and report from day to day:—who reported for to-morrow, 1st, Elders Linvil Land; 2nd, J. A. Farthing; 3rd, J. G. Bryan.

Prayer by Elder J. G. Bryan, and adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Elder J.G.Bryan.

1st. Called the delegates' names.

2nd. Read Rules of Decorum.

3rd. Called on the Committee of Arrangements, who reported and was discharged.

4th. Invited transient ministers to seats with us, when br. John Hagaman came forward and was received. Elders Isaac Oxford, James Reed, Smith Ferguson, and J. H. West, also came forward, received the right hand of fellowship, took seats with us, and all aided us in council.

5th. Appointed brn. D. Downs and W. S. Pool, a Committee of Finance.

6th. Appointed Elder L. Pipes, brn. G. Russel, Samuel Curtis, John T. Shell, and B. Martin, a Committee on Resolutions.

7th. Called on the Treasurer, who made the following report:

Received of the Association last year,	$8 50
Paid out for minutes and other expenses,	7 61
Leaving in his hands,	89

Which report was received, and the Treasurer discharged.

8th. Called on the corresponding messengers, who reported satisfactorily.

9th. Appointed corresponding messengers: To the Lewis Fork Association, Elders H. Holsclaw and E. Tilley. To the Three Fork Association, Elders John B. Powel and L. Pipes. The correspondents to each Association to prepare the letters and assign the Moderator's and Clerk's names.

10th. To consider the letter from members of Hollow Spring Church.

11th. Answer: We advise those members to go back to their former Churches, by application; and we hope those Churches will receive all who can support a good standing.

12th. We cheerfully acquiesce in the act of our sister, the Lewis Fork Association, in rescinding a former act of our Association at Macedonia Church, 1851; and appoint Elder H. Holsclaw to inform said Association and Taylorsville Association of what we have done respecting that act.

13th. We appoint Elder H. Holsclaw a delegate to the Western Convention, or more, if necessary.

14th. Called on the Committee of Finance, who made the following report: Received in contributions from the Churches, $15 25; of the former Clerk 87½ cts.; when the following allowances were made: Allowed our Clerk for having our minutes

prepared this year, $3; distributed $4 12½ amongst our corresponding messengers; and placed in the hands of our present Treasurer, $9 to pay for printing Minutes and other contingent expenses

15th. We delegate brn. John T. Shell, James Cottrel and Elder Larkin Pipes, to sit with other committees.

16th. Appointed our next Association to be held with the Baptist Church at Antioch, near 9 miles west of Taylorsville, Alexander County, N. C., to commence on Friday before the 3rd Lord's Day in August next.

17th. Appointed Elder H. Holsclaw to preach the introductory sermon next year; and John B. Powell his alternate.

18th. Then, on motion, appointed the Clerk to have the Minutes printed, and have 400 copies struck and distributed as usual.

19th. The committee appointed Elders Jesse Farmer, J. G. Bryan and J. A. Farthing, to preach on Lord's Day.

20th. Called on the Committee on Resolutions, who made the following report:

1st. *Resolved*, That we, the Lower Creek Baptist Association, recommend the Taylorsville High School as being worthy of the patronage of this Association.

2nd. *Resolved*, That we recommend the Tennessee Baptist and Biblical Recorder as true expounders of our principles.

3rd. *Resolved*, That we still recommend our last year's resolves, in respect to the use of ardent spirits; and would further recommend our ministers to preach at least one sermon during the year, on Gospel Temperance.

4th. *Resolved*, That we recommend to all our Churches, to keep up Sabbath Schools from the first of April to the first of November.

5th. *Resolved*, That this Association return her thanks to the citizens of this vicinity for their very kind hospitality during this session.

21st. The report was adopted, and the committee discharged.

22nd. On motion, adjourned to time and place appointed.—Prayer by Elder Smith Ferguson.

HOUSTON HOLSCLAW, *Moderator.*

THOMAS ISBELL, *Clerk.*

State of the Churches.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	POST-OFFICES.	PASTORS.	Meet's Sat.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Rec by Appl	Rent Off,	Baptized,	Rec. by Lett	Restored,	Dis. by Lett	Excluded,	Deceased,	Total,	Cont'b'ons.
Antioch,	Alexander,	Little River,	G. Swaim, J.B.Powel,	4	M. Austin, R.H.Teague, W.S.Pool,			19		1	2	1	3	131	1 50
Elk,	Wilkes,	Elkville,	E. Tilley, L. Pipes,	2	L. Pipes,* T. Pipes, T. Kindol,				1			1		23	75
King's Creek,	Caldwell,	King's Creek,	E. Tilley,	4	E. Tilley,* G. Russel, T. Isbell,				2		3		1	62	2 00
Sardis,	Caldwell,	Lenoir,	H. Holsclaw,	3	R. Freeman, J. F. McCall,	11			9	1				30	1 07½
Union,	Caldwell,	Deals' Mills,	G. Swaim,	1	H. West, D. Downs, J. T. Shell,			3	2	1	2		2	74	1 50
Yadkin,	Caldwell,	Patterson,	J. B. Powel, E.Tilley,	1	W.Coffey, J.W.Coffey, B.N Martin,				1	3	3			23	1 00
Lower Creek,	Caldwell,	Lenoir,	J. B. Powel,	2	J. B. Powell,* J. Smith, J.Sudorth,			16		42				104	3 00
German Hill,	Caldwell,	Fort Defiance,	W. D. Holder,	1	W.D.Holder,* T.Pennel, M.Pennel,							1		26	1 00
Dover,	Alexander,	Little River,	J.Crouch, H.Holsclaw,	2	H.Holsclaw,* T. Reed, J. Medlock,			9	1	3	3	1		78	1 50
Buffalo Cove,	Caldwell,	Fort Defiance,	H. Holsclaw,	3	E.Day, W.Cottrel, Sr., J.M.Cottrel,						3			45	1 42½
Bethany,	Caldwell,	Patterson,	L. Pipes,	3	S. Curtis, J. Curtis,				2	2	1	1		14	50
					Total.	11		47	18	53	17	5	6	610	15 25

Ordained Preachers marked thus (*).

MINUTES

OF THE FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE

Lower Creek Baptist Association,

Convened at Antioch Meeting-House, Alexander Co., N. C.,

***August 13th and 14th*, 1858.**

ANTIOCH, August 13th, 1858.

The introductory sermon was preached according to appointment of last year, by Elder HOUSTON HOLSCLAW, from I Peter, 1st chap., 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th verses.

After a short intermission, the delegates convened at the meeting-house, and were called to order by Elder Houston Holsclaw, Moderator of last year, by singing and prayer.

Then appointed Br. David Downs and Wm. S. Pool, reading clerks.

Received and read letters from 11 churches, and minuted the accounts transmitted.

The Association was then organized by appointing Elder HOUSTON HOLSCLAW, *Moderator*, and THOMAS ISBELL, *Clerk*.

Invited transient ministers to seats with us, when elders Isaac Oxford, John G. Bryan, William Pool, James Reed, Daniel Austin, and Jacob Crouch, all took seats with us and aided us in council.

The attention of the time of holding our Association being made last year to an earlier time, before the assembling of our sister Associations this year, was such that we could not expect any regular correspondence till our next Association.

On motion, opened a door for the reception of churches into our union: None received.

On motion, the Moderator was authorized to make all temporary appointments during the session of this Association.

Appointed brn. James M. Cottrel and David Downs, with the delegates of Antioch church, a committee to arrange preaching during this Association.

Appointed Elders E. Tilley, Isaac Smith, Wilson Bradshaw, L. Pipes, Samuel Curtis, with the Moderator and Clerk, a Committee of Arragement, and invited all transient preachers to sit with them.

The committee appointed to assign preachers, reported for to-morrow, Elders L. Pipes, Wilson Bradshaw, and Samuel Curtis, to occupy the time in the order of their names.

Appointed brethren D. Downs and M. Pennil a Committee of Finance.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder Isaac Oxford.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14th, 1858.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Elder Wm. Pool.

1st. Called the roll of delegates.

2nd. Read Rules of Decorum.

3rd. Called on the Committee of Arrangement, who reported and was discharged.

4th. Called on the Treasurer, who reported satisfactorily.

5th. Appointed corresponding messengers: To the Lewis Fork Association, Elders J. B. Powell, E. Tilley and A. Holsclaw. To the Three Fork Association, Elders I. Smith, L. Pipes and H. Holsclaw. And the correspondents to prepare their own letters and sign the Moderator's and Clerk's names thereto.

6th. We cheerfully acquiesce in the act of our sister, the Lewis Fork Association, in rescinding a former act of our Association, at Macedonia Church, 1851, and appoint Elders Houston Holsclaw, John B. Powell and Edmund Tilley, to inform said Association, and the Taylorsville Association, of what we have done respecting that act.

7th. Appointed Elders Houston Holsclaw, Edmund Tilley and Daniel Austin and br. W. S. Pool, delegates to the next session of the Western Convention, to be held at Taylorsville, Alexander Co.

8th. Called on the Committee of Finance, who made the following report: Received in contributions from the churches, $14; of the Treasurer 75 cts.,—total $14 75. Placed in the hands of the Clerk for public expenses, $9 00; Clerk's compensation, $3 00. Lower Creek church has paid into the Association $2 00 for correspondence, and $1 00 for minutes. German Hill church, 75 cents for minutes, and 75 cents for correspondence. Received by collection at Antioch church, on Sabbath of our last Association, $3 25 cents for correspondence, which leaves in the hands of the Clerk $6 00 for correspondence. to be accounted for hereafter.

10th. We took up a collection on Sabbath of our Association, at King's Creek, October, 1857, for the purpose of tryug to raise money to send up some delegates to the Western Convention, and raised $12 12½ cents; Also raised some at our last Association at Antioch to make out $20 00, which was done and sent up by our delegates to said Convention, which took place on the 2th of last August, at Taylorsville, Alexander county, and lasted several days, and the good spirit appeared to be among the peole.

11th. A request came up from our sister church at Unio, requesting the Association to appoint a presbytery for the prpose of examining and ordaining young gifts in the bounds of this Asociation, for one year.

The Association did not concur in making the appointmet.

12th. Appointed Elders Houston Holsclaw, Emund Tilly, Daniel Austin and W. S. Pool, to confer with other committees on the subject of a Female College.

13th. *Resolved,* That each church hold a Sabbah School commencing the 1st Sabbath in April and close the first of November, and that the members, old and young, engage unanimously and heartily in this glorious work, that it may often be thought of by rising

generation of our people to their great advantage in maintaining a moral government.

14th. Appointed the next Association to be held with the Buffalo Cove Church, Caldwell County, N. C., South of the Blue Ridge, near 7 miles North East of Patterson, to commence on Friday before the 4th Lord's-Day in September, 1859.

15th. Elder John B. Powell to preach the introductory sermon; Elder Isaac Smith his alternate.

16th. Appointed the Clerk to superintend the printing of the minutes; have 400 copies printed, and distribute as usual.

17th. On motion, *Resolved*, That this Association return her thanks to the citizens of this vicinity for their very kind hospitality during this session.

18th. The committee to assign preachers to occupy the stand on Sabbath, reported Elders John B. Powel, John G. Bryan, William Pool and Jacob Crouch: and that they preach in the order of their names.

19th. Dismissed to the time and place above mentioned. Prayer by Elder John G. Bryan.

HOUSTON HOLSCLAW, *Moderator.*

THOMAS ISBELL, *Clerk.*

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.
Dover,	Joel H. Brown, H. Holsclaw.
German Hill,	Isaac Smith.
Antioch,	Daniel Austin.
King's Creek,	Edmund Tilley.
Elk,	Larkin Pipes.
Buffalo Cove,	Houston Holsclaw.
Bethany,	Larkin Pipes.
Union,	
Yadkin,	Edmund Tilley.
Sardis,	James Bradshaw.
Lower Creek,	John B. Powell, Isaac Smith.

☞ Pastors are all Elders.

SABBATH.

On Sabbath the congregation convened at the st
John B. Powell preached from Joshua 1 : 9. El
followed from Hebrews 11 : 12, and II Corinthia
8th, 9th, 10, 11th, 12th, 13th verses. Elder W
from John 21st chapt., 24th verse. Elder Jaco
and closed the meeting for the day with a very
hortation. From the appearance of tenderness
ope much good may be realized in time to co
The meeting was continued Monday and Tu
ood many mourners, and several persons
ined the Antioch Church, and were baptise

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES	COUNTIES.	POST OFFICES.	Saturdays,	Ord. Preach.	Licentiates.	DELEGATES' NAMES.	Rec. by Ap	Rent off,	Baptized,	Rec. by Lett	Restored	Dis. by lett.	Excluded.	Deceased	Total,	Contributn's
Dover,	Alexander,	Little River,	2	1		H. Holsclaw,* J. Medlock, T. Reed,			6	1			1		84	1 25
German Hill,	Caldwell,	Fort Defiance,	1	1		T. Pennil, M. Pennil,				3		2		2	25	1 50
Antioch,	Alexander,	Little River,	4	1	1	M. Austin‡ W. S. Pool,			8	2	1	4		1	137	1 65
King's Creek,	Caldwell,	King's Creek,	4	1		E. Tilley,* J F. Greer, T. Isbell,	5		1	4	1	2	1	2	70	1 00
Elk,	Wilkes,	Elkville,	2	1		L. Pipes,*								1	19	75
Buffalo Cove,	Caldwell,	Fort Defiance,	4			J. M. Cottrel,				3						
Bethany,	do	Patterson,	3	2		S. Curtis,* W. Bradshaw,*						6		1	41	
Union,	do	Deal's Mill,	1		1	H. West,‡ C. Downs, D. Downs,	1		16	5		1				
Yadkin,	do	Patterson,	3			J. W. Coffey, B. S. Martin, W. Coffey,				1						
Sardis,	do	Lovelady,	3	2		J. Craig,*										
Lower Creek,	do	Lenoir,	2	2	3	J. B. Powell,* J. Smith,* W										

Those marked thus (*) are Ordained, and

MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Lower Creek Baptist Association,

CONVENED AT

BUFFALO COVE MEETING-HOUSE,

CALDWELL COUNTY, N. C.

September 23rd and 24th, 1859.

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MINUTES.

BUFFALO COVE, SEPT. 23rd, 1859.

The introductory sermon was delivered, according to appointment, by Elder J. B. POWELL, from Hebrews, 11th chapter and 7th verse.

After a short intermission, the delegates convened at the Meeting-House, and were called to order by Elder H. Holsclaw, Moderator of last year, by singing and prayer. Then appointed brn. Wm. S. Pool and D. Downs, Reading Clerks. Received and read letters from 11 Churches, and minuted the accounts transmitted.

The Association was then organized by appointing Elder JOHN B. POWELL, *Moderator*, and ALLEN LAXTON, *Clerk*. Invited transient Ministers to seats with us, when Elder L. Land took a seat with us and aided us in council.

Received Corresponding Messengers: From the Lewis Fork Association, Eld. A. W. Vannoy, with a letter and parcel of Minutes, by the hand of her messengers; from the Taylorsville Association, Elders S. Ferguson and Isaac Oxford, with a parcel of minutes, but no letter.

Opened a door for the reception of churches into our union, —none received.

On motion, the Moderator be authorized to make all temporary appointments during this Association.

Appointed the delegates of Buffalo Cove Church, a committee to arrange preaching during this Association.

Appointed Elders E. Tilley, H. Holsclaw, and M. Austin, and brn. T. Isbell, and Wm. S. Pool, with the Moderator and Clerk, a Committee of Arrangement, and invited transient ministers and corresponding messengers to sit with them.

Appointed brn. C. Downs and M. Pennel, a Committee of Finance.

Also the Moderator announced the following Committees:

On *Resolutions*.—Wm. S. Pool and D. Downes.

On *Periodicals*.—Eld. H. Holsclaw and br. W. Cotroll, Jr.

On *Sabbath Schools*.—Elders I. Smith and I. Oxford.

On *Temperance*.—Elder Isaac Oxford and br. T. Isbell.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

Prayer by Elder S. Ferguson.

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPT. 24TH.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Eld. I. Oxford.

1st. Called the roll of delegates.

2nd. Read Rules of Decorum.

3rd. Called on the Committee of Arrangements, who reported, and was discharged.

4th. Called on the Treasurer, who reported satisfactorily.

5th. Appointed Corresponding Messengers; To the Lewis Fork, Elders E. Tilley, and J. Craig. To the Three Fork, Elders I. Smith and H. Holsclaw. To the Taylorsville, Elders D. Austin and H. Holsclaw.

6th. Called on the delegates appointed to attend the Western Baptist Convention, who reported and were discharged.

7th. Called on the Committee of Finance, who made the following report: Received in contributions from the churches, $11 25; of the Treasurer, 44 cts.; of individuals $2 31;—Total $14 00. Placed in the hands of the Clerk, for public expenses, $11 00; Clerk's compensation, $3 00. King's Creek Church has paid into the Association $1 for Minutes, and $1 for corresponding messengers. Sardis Church, $1 for Minutes, and 50 cents for corresponding messengers. Lower Creek Church, $1 for Minutes, and $1 for correspondents. German Hill Church, 50 cts. for Minutes, and 50 cts. for correspondents. Received of the Treasurer, $6. $2 75 paid by the Lower Creek and German Hill Churches last year, and $3 25 made up by the Association last year at Antioch, and divided the $9 between corresponding brethren,—and the committee discharged.

8th. The Committee on Sabbath Schools made the following report:

Believing, as we do, that the Sabbath Schools are a nursery to the church, and that good and lasting impressions are made on the minds of the children who attend them; and the impressions thus made on youthful minds are more durable and lasting than those made in riper years,—we therefore feel to encourage and hope for great and good things in the future, when we behold as we do the spirit of Sabbath Schools spreading, and our people taking hold of their own denominational Sabbath School Library, which teaches the truth and the whole truth; and earnestly solicit the aid and co-operation of the parents as well as children in the Sabbath Schools. And we do believe it to be a profitable and almost Theological school, by which

many Ministers might be profited, as well as parents and children, by reading and studying the Word of God and the Southern Baptist Sunday School Library.—All of which is respectfully submitted. ISAAC SMITH, *Chairman.*

9th, The Committee on Temperance made the following Report:

When we take hold of the subject of Temperance, we take hold on a subject of vast importance; we consider it as one of the graces of the spirit of heavenly extraction, and stands first and reigns over almost all the other graces of christianity, binding together, as a golden chain, virtue and knowledge to Godliness, brotherly kindness and charity. And although differences of opinion on the subject, and also on the best plan of appertaining effectively on this great grace, temperance, we are encouraged to see the most effective and most formidable army coming up properly equipt and putting herself in battle array against our old and malignant enemy, intemperance,—that is, the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth; and we hope the day is not far distant, when the church of Christ will be united in driving intemperance out of the land as well as out of her communion. We already see men who are engaged in making and vending that bane of life, so full of bitterness and strife, ashamed when in the presence of refined and thinking men; and a proper course pursued by the ministry, in concert with the church, will effect more than all other expedients heretofore resorted to. In view of the accomplishment of this great work, we recommend a sound, intelligent ministry, the discipline of the New Testament, and the old prince, Alcohol, will be driven out of the church, and we would hope out of our happy land. All of which is respectfully submitted. T. ISBELL, *Chairman.*

10th. The committee on Periodicals made the following Report;

That we think the Biblical Recorder, published at Raleigh, N. C., should be liberally patronized as the exponent of our principles, and in the hands of bro. J. J. James, its editor, the able defender of Christ's cause. And also the Home and Foreign Journal, and the Communion; also the Tennessee Baptist, published in Nashville, Tenn., and edited by J. R. Graves; and the North Carolina Baptist, edited by W. A. G. Brown, Hendersonville, N. C., as being worthy of your support.

H. HOLSCLAW, *Chairman.*

11th. Appointed Elders E. Tilley, Isaac Smith, and bro. R. Freeman, with the Moderator and Clerk, to meet with the Union church, on Friday before the first Lord's Day in November next, as a committee to examine a letter of grievance sent up to the Association by D. Presnel, and report to the next Association.

12th. Appointed Elder H. Holsclaw a delegate to attend the next Western Baptist Convention, to be held in Polk Co., N.C.

13th. Called on the Corresponding Messengers, who reported and were discharged.

14th. In answer to the letter from the Taylorsville Association, wishing to unite and come together as one body, we agree to send delegates to the place that may be designated at the Lewis Fork Association.

15th. *Query from Elk Church:*—When members from the Sister Churches of our faith and order are invited to take seats with us, and act with us, and a difficulty comes up before our church, have they a right to give their voice in a decision, or not?

Answer:—We think not, only in council.

16th. *Query from Union Church:*—Is it right for us to receive correspondence of an Association which is not in fellowship with us at home.

Answer:—We advise each church at union to meet together, and settle the difficulty between them, and unite as one church.

17th. Appointed the next Association to be held with the Union Church, nine miles East of Lenoir, Caldwell Co., N. C., to commence on Friday before the fourth Lord's Day in September, 1860.

18th, Appointed Elder Isaac Smith to preach the introductory sermon, and Elder H. Holsclaw, his alternate.

19th. Appointed the Clerk to superintend the printing of the Minutes, and have 400 copies printed, and distribute them as usual.

20th. On motion, *Resolved*, That this Association return her thanks to the citizens of this vicinity for their very kind hospitality during this session.

21st. The committee to assign preachers to occupy the stand on Sabbath reported S. Ferguson, I. Oxford, H. Holsclaw, and H. West, and that they preach in the order of their names.

22nd. Dismissed to the time and place above mentioned.—Prayer by Elder H. Holsclaw.

JOHN B. POWELL, *Moderator.*

ALLEN LAXTON, *Clerk.*

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.
Antioch,	J. B. Powell, D. Austin.
Lower Creek,	J. B. Powell, Isaac Smith.
Yadkin,	E. Tilley, I. Smith.
Buffalo Cove,	H. Holsclaw.
King's Creek,	E. Tilley.
Union,	J. G. Bryan, D. Austin.
German Hill,	I. Smith.
Dover,	J. H. Brown, H. Holsclaw.
Elk,	L. Pipes, W. Bradshaw, S. Curtis.
Sardis,	Jas. Craig, W. Conway.
Bethany,	L. Pipes.

☞ Pastors are all Elders.

SABBATH.

On Sabbath the congregation convened at the stand where Eld. S. Ferguson opened the services from 2d Chron., 36th chap., 16th verse. Elder Isaac Oxford followed from 2d Corr., 9th chap. 10th to 15th verse, inclusive. Elder H. Holsclaw preached from Isa., 28th chap., 16th verse. H. West read a text from Matt., 7th chap., 7th verse and closed the meeting with a very warm and tender exhortation. From the appearance of tenderness among the people we hope much good may be realized in time to come.

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES	COUNTIES.	POST OFFICES.	Saturdays....	Ord. Preach.	Licentiates.	DELEGATES' NAMES.	Rec. by Ap.	Rent off.....	Rec. by Bap.	Rec. by Lett.	Restored.....	Dis. by Lett.	Excluded.....	Deceased.....	Total.....	Contribut'ns
Antioch,	Alexander,	Little River,	4	2	1	M. Austin,* D. Austin,* W. S. Pool,			2			10	2	1	127	2 00
Lower Creek,	Caldwell,	Lenoir,	2	2		J.B.Powell,* I. Smith,* W.Cotroll,Jr.,			3	12		5	2	3	116	2 00
Yadkin,	Caldwell,	Patterson,	3			J. W. Coffey, W. Coffey,					2	2	1	1	17	75
Buffalo Cove,	Caldwell,	Fort Defiance,	2			Wm.Cotroll,Sr., J.W.Cotroll,E.M.Day,			1	2			1	1	44	1 00
King's Creek,	Caldwell,	King's Creek,	4	1		E.Tilley,* T. Isbell, A. Laxton,			18	7		4			87	2 00
Union,	Caldwell,	Deal's Mill,	1		1	H. West,† C. Downs, D. Downs,					1		2		71	1 50
German Hill,	Caldwell,	Elkville,	1	1		Wm.D.Holder,*T.Pennell,M.C.Pennel,							1		24	1 00
Dover,	Alexander,	Little River,	2	1		H.Holsclaw,*W.R.Pennell,J.Medlock,			3	3				2	88	1 25
Elk,	Wilkes,	Elkville,	2	1		L. Pipes,* Thomas Kendall,									19	75
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